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Forest Fire Statistics

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This is a compilation of forest fire statistics covering the Calendar Year 1959 as reported to the United States Forest Service by its field offices, cooperating States, the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The figures are shown separately by the individual States reporting and totals are also given for certain geographical groups of States. The tabulation is prepared in the following sections:

SUMMARY OF FOREST FIRE STATISTICS FOR 1959
Areas needing protection; areas protected and unprotected; number of fires and area burned on both protected and unprotected forest lands (Pages 1 to 4).

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For protected areas only (Pages 9 and 10).

The statistics shown are the most reliable information which State and Federal protection agencies were able to obtain.

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SUMMARY OF FOREST FIRE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1959

FOR PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED AREAS, BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

(Group totals are indicated following the individual States of the group)

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	FOREST AREA 1/				NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					BURNED PORTION OF AREA	
		Needing Protection	Protected	Unprotected	Percent of Forest Area Protected	TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		Protected	Unprotected
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres		Number	Number	%	Number	%	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	%	%
UNITED STATES	Federal	360,348	360,346	2	99.99	8,935	8,935	100.00	--	--	896,945	896,945	100.00	--	--	.25	--
	State & Private	434,770	400,679	34,091	92.16	95,727	77,802	81.27	17,925	18.73	3,258,646	1,681,206	51.58	1,577,440	48.42	.42	4.63
	TOTAL	795,118	761,025	34,093	95.71	104,662	86,737	82.87	17,925	17.13	4,155,591	2,578,151	62.03	1,577,440	37.97	.34	4.63
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP																	
ARIZONA	Federal	18,193	18,193	--	100.00	2,057	2,057	100.00	--	--	39,187	39,187	100.00	--	--	.22	--
	State & Private	No Data															
	TOTAL	18,193	18,193	--	100.00	2,057	2,057	100.00	--	--	39,187	39,187	100.00	--	--	.22	--
COLORADO	Federal	18,312	18,312	--	100.00	379	379	100.00	--	--	3,315	3,315	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	7,407	7,404	3	99.96	259	259	100.00	--	--	2,859	2,859	100.00	--	--	.04	--
	TOTAL	25,719	25,716	3	99.99	638	638	100.00	--	--	6,174	6,174	100.00	--	--	.03	--
IDAHO	Federal	22,155	22,155	--	100.00	703	703	100.00	--	--	20,356	20,356	100.00	--	--	.09	--
	State & Private	7,343	7,343	--	100.00	382	382	100.00	--	--	37,542	37,542	100.00	--	--	.51	--
	TOTAL	29,498	29,498	--	100.00	1,085	1,085	100.00	--	--	57,898	57,898	100.00	--	--	.20	--
MONTANA	Federal	19,107	19,107	--	100.00	305	305	100.00	--	--	3,796	3,796	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	6,915	6,915	--	100.00	261	261	100.00	--	--	11,167	11,167	100.00	--	--	.16	--
	TOTAL	26,022	26,022	--	100.00	566	566	100.00	--	--	14,963	14,963	100.00	--	--	.06	--
NEBRASKA	Federal	349	349	--	100.00	8	8	100.00	--	--	202	202	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	1,231	750	481	60.93	Data incomplete											
	TOTAL	1,580	1,099	481	69.56	8	8	100.00	--	--	202	202	100.00	--	--	.02	--
NEVADA	Federal	10,693	10,693	--	100.00	57	57	100.00	--	--	4,303	4,303	100.00	--	--	.04	--
	State & Private	2,216	2,216	--	100.00	127	127	100.00	--	--	3,801	3,801	100.00	--	--	.17	--
	TOTAL	12,909	12,909	--	100.00	184	184	100.00	--	--	8,104	8,104	100.00	--	--	.06	--
NEW MEXICO	Federal	13,323	13,323	--	100.00	885	885	100.00	--	--	5,661	5,661	100.00	--	--	.04	--
	State & Private	4,396	1,732	2,664	39.40	271	76	28.04	195	71.96	1,432	422	29.47	1,010	70.53	.02	.04
	TOTAL	17,719	15,055	2,664	84.97	1,156	961	83.13	195	16.87	7,093	6,083	85.76	1,010	14.24	.04	.04
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	2,361	2,361	--	100.00	157	157	100.00	--	--	4,144	4,144	100.00	--	--	.18	--
	State & Private	2,827	2,827	--	100.00	72	72	100.00	--	--	3,448	3,448	100.00	--	--	.12	--
	TOTAL	5,188	5,188	--	100.00	229	229	100.00	--	--	7,592	7,592	100.00	--	--	.15	--
UTAH	Federal	15,687	15,687	--	100.00	292	292	100.00	--	--	8,233	8,233	100.00	--	--	.05	--
	State & Private	6,380	5,351	1,029	83.87	233	192	82.40	41	17.60	7,972	4,286	53.76	3,686	46.24	.08	.36
	TOTAL	22,067	21,038	1,029	95.34	525	484	92.19	41	7.81	16,205	12,519	77.25	3,686	22.75	.06	.36
WYOMING	Federal	12,437	12,437	--	100.00	155	155	100.00	--	--	3,279	3,279	100.00	--	--	.03	--
	State & Private	1,563	--	1,563	--	Data incomplete											
	TOTAL	14,000	12,437	1,563	88.84	155	155	100.00	--	--	3,279	3,279	100.00	--	--	.03	--
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	132,617	132,617	--	100.00	4,998	4,998	100.00	--	--	92,476	92,476	100.00	--	--	.07	--
	State & Private	40,278	34,538	5,740	85.75	1,605	1,369	85.30	236	14.70	68,221	63,525	93.12	4,696	6.88	.18	.08
	TOTAL	172,895	167,155	5,740	96.68	6,603	6,367	96.43	236	3.57	160,697	156,001	97.07	4,696	.03	.09	.08

1/ Includes 20,525 M acres State and privately-owned nonforest critical watershed areas.

PACIFIC GROUP																	
ALASKA	Federal	146,260	146,260	—	100.00	240	240	100.00	—	—	589,263	589,263	100.00	—	—	.40	—
	State & Private	No Data															
	TOTAL	146,260	146,260	—	100.00	240	240	100.0	—	—	589,263	589,263	100.00	—	—	.40	—
CALIFORNIA	Federal	23,059	23,059	—	100.00	1,557	1,557	100.00	—	—	151,774	151,774	100.00	—	—	.66	—
	State & Private	19,810	19,810	—	100.00	2,473	2,473	100.00	—	—	127,473	127,473	100.00	—	—	.64	—
	TOTAL	42,869	42,869	—	100.00	4,030	4,030	100.00	—	—	279,247	279,247	100.00	—	—	.65	—
HAWAII	Federal	33	33	—	100.00	1	1	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	1,152	1,152	—	100.00	75	75	100.00	—	—	2,790	2,790	100.00	—	—	.24	—
	TOTAL	1,185	1,185	—	100.00	76	76	100.00	—	—	2,790	2,790	100.00	—	—	.24	—
OREGON	Federal	18,777	18,777	—	100.00	703	703	100.00	—	—	40,402	40,402	100.00	—	—	.22	—
	State & Private	12,141	12,141	—	100.00	716	716	100.00	—	—	33,979	33,979	100.00	—	—	.28	—
	TOTAL	30,918	30,918	—	100.00	1,419	1,419	100.00	—	—	74,381	74,381	100.00	—	—	.24	—
WASHINGTON	Federal	12,552	12,552	—	100.00	211	211	100.00	—	—	1,064	1,064	100.00	—	—	.008	—
	State & Private	12,237	12,237	—	100.00	751	751	100.00	—	—	5,545	5,545	100.00	—	—	.05	—
	TOTAL	24,789	24,789	—	100.00	962	962	100.00	—	—	6,609	6,609	100.00	—	—	.03	—
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	200,681	200,681	—	100.00	2,712	2,712	100.00	—	—	782,503	782,503	100.00	—	—	.39	—
	State & Private	45,340	45,340	—	100.00	4,015	4,015	100.00	—	—	169,787	169,787	100.00	—	—	.37	—
	TOTAL	246,021	246,021	—	100.00	6,727	6,727	100.00	—	—	952,290	952,290	100.00	—	—	.39	—
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP																	
ILLINOIS	Federal	235	235	—	100.00	17	17	100.00	—	—	173	173	100.00	—	—	.07	—
	State & Private	3,170	3,170	—	100.00	374	374	100.00	—	—	12,548	12,548	100.00	—	—	.40	—
	TOTAL	3,405	3,405	—	100.00	391	391	100.00	—	—	12,721	12,721	100.00	—	—	.37	—
INDIANA	Federal	121	121	—	100.00	5	5	100.00	—	—	33	33	100.00	—	—	.03	—
	State & Private	3,931	3,931	—	100.00	375	375	100.00	—	—	6,757	6,757	100.00	—	—	.17	—
	TOTAL	4,052	4,052	—	100.00	380	380	100.00	—	—	6,790	6,790	100.00	—	—	.17	—
IOWA	Federal	17	17	—	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	2,277	2,277	—	100.00	9	9	100.00	—	—	283	283	100.00	—	—	.01	—
	TOTAL	2,294	2,294	—	100.00	9	9	100.00	—	—	283	283	100.00	—	—	.01	—
MICHIGAN	Federal	2,746	2,746	—	100.00	31	31	100.00	—	—	38	38	100.00	—	—	.001	—
	State & Private	17,205	17,205	—	100.00	799	799	100.00	—	—	3,945	3,945	100.00	—	—	.02	—
	TOTAL	19,951	19,951	—	100.00	830	830	100.00	—	—	3,983	3,983	100.00	—	—	.02	—
MINNESOTA	Federal	3,420	3,420	—	100.00	83	83	100.00	—	—	7,262	7,262	100.00	—	—	.21	—
	State & Private	17,771	17,771	—	100.00	1,067	1,067	100.00	—	—	91,957	91,957	100.00	—	—	.52	—
	TOTAL	21,191	21,191	—	100.00	1,150	1,150	100.00	—	—	99,219	99,219	100.00	—	—	.47	—
MISSOURI	Federal	1,380	1,380	—	100.00	162	162	100.00	—	—	1,563	1,563	100.00	—	—	.11	—
	State & Private	13,825	9,597	4,228	69.42	8,414	3,414	40.58	5,000	59.42	299,867	99,867	33.30	200,000	66.70	1.04	4.73
	TOTAL	15,205	10,977	4,228	72.19	8,576	3,576	41.70	5,000	58.30	301,430	101,430	33.65	200,000	66.35	.92	4.73
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	1,191	1,191	—	100.00	3	3	100.00	—	—	53	53	100.00	—	—	.004	—
	State & Private	228	121	107	53.07	59	22	37.29	37	62.71	1,124	124	11.03	1,000	88.97	.10	.93
	TOTAL	1,419	1,312	107	92.46	62	25	40.32	37	59.68	1,177	177	15.04	1,000	84.96	.01	.93
OHIO	Federal	106	106	—	100.00	28	28	100.00	—	—	208	208	100.00	—	—	.20	—
	State & Private	3,923	3,923	—	100.00	1,326	1,326	100.00	—	—	10,834	10,834	100.00	—	—	.28	—
	TOTAL	4,029	4,029	—	100.00	1,354	1,354	100.00	—	—	11,042	11,042	100.00	—	—	.27	—
WISCONSIN	Federal	1,872	1,872	—	100.00	49	49	100.00	—	—	395	395	100.00	—	—	.02	—
	State & Private	15,297	15,297	—	100.00	1,228	1,228	100.00	—	—	30,014	30,014	100.00	—	—	.20	—
	TOTAL	17,169	17,169	—	100.00	1,277	1,277	100.00	—	—	30,409	30,409	100.00	—	—	.18	—
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	11,088	11,088	—	100.00	378	378	100.00	—	—	9,725	9,725	100.00	—	—	.09	—
	State & Private	77,627	73,292	4,335	94.42	13,651	8,614	63.10	5,037	36.90	457,329	256,329	56.05	201,000	43.95	.35	4.64
	TOTAL	88,715	84,380	4,335	95.11	14,029	8,992	64.10	5,037	35.90	467,054	266,054	56.96	201,000	43.04	.32	4.64

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	FOREST AREA				NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					BURNED PORTION OF AREA	
		Needing Protection	Protected	Unprotected	Percent of Forest Area Protected	TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		TOTAL	On Protected Area		On Unprotected Area		Protected	Unprotected
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres		Number	Number	%	Number	%	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	%	%
SOUTHERN GROUP																	
ALABAMA	Federal	662	662	--	100.00	51	51	100.00	--	--	391	391	100.00	--	--	.06	--
	State & Private	19,990	19,990	--	100.00	6,099	6,099	100.00	--	--	117,231	117,231	100.00	--	--	.59	--
	TOTAL	20,652	20,652	--	100.00	6,150	6,150	100.00	--	--	117,622	117,622	100.00	--	--	.57	--
ARKANSAS	Federal	2,525	2,525	--	100.00	79	79	100.00	--	--	701	701	100.00	--	--	.03	--
	State & Private	16,535	16,535	--	100.00	3,031	3,031	100.00	--	--	68,728	68,728	100.00	--	--	.41	--
	TOTAL	19,060	19,060	--	100.00	3,110	3,110	100.00	--	--	69,429	69,429	100.00	--	--	.36	--
FLORIDA	Federal	1,155	1,155	--	100.00	79	79	100.00	--	--	2,087	2,087	100.00	--	--	.18	--
	State & Private	20,500	16,931	3,569	82.59	8,758	3,851	43.97	4,907	56.03	831,592	46,339	5.57	785,253	94.43	.27	22.00
	TOTAL	21,655	18,086	3,569	83.52	8,837	3,930	44.48	4,907	55.52	833,679	48,426	5.81	785,253	94.19	.27	22.00
GEORGIA	Federal	853	853	--	100.00	27	27	100.00	--	--	176	176	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	22,418	21,641	777	96.53	7,643	6,423	84.04	1,220	15.96	159,932	62,166	38.87	97,766	61.13	.29	12.58
	TOTAL	23,271	22,494	777	96.66	7,670	6,450	84.09	1,220	15.91	160,108	62,342	38.94	97,766	61.06	.28	12.58
LOUISIANA	Federal	592	592	--	100.00	55	55	100.00	--	--	998	998	100.00	--	--	.17	--
	State & Private	15,383	11,899	3,484	77.35	6,707	6,107	91.05	600	8.95	121,401	113,901	93.82	7,500	6.18	.96	.22
	TOTAL	15,975	12,491	3,484	78.19	6,762	6,162	91.13	600	8.87	122,399	114,899	93.87	7,500	6.13	.92	.22
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	1,197	1,195	2	99.83	157	157	100.00	--	--	1,044	1,044	100.00	--	--	.09	--
	State & Private	15,301	13,881	1,420	90.72	9,909	8,174	82.49	1,735	17.51	183,652	137,513	74.88	46,139	25.12	.99	3.25
	TOTAL	16,498	15,076	1,422	91.38	10,066	8,331	82.76	1,735	17.24	184,696	138,557	75.02	46,139	24.98	.92	3.24
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	1,481	1,481	--	100.00	43	43	100.00	--	--	313	313	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	18,360	17,210	1,150	93.74	3,522	3,091	87.76	431	12.24	94,788	85,540	90.24	9,248	9.76	.50	.80
	TOTAL	19,841	18,691	1,150	94.20	3,565	3,134	87.91	431	12.09	95,101	85,853	90.28	9,248	9.72	.46	.80
OKLAHOMA	Federal	462	462	--	100.00	25	25	100.00	--	--	1,470	1,470	100.00	--	--	.32	--
	State & Private	8,248	4,488	3,760	54.41	2,194	894	40.75	1,300	59.25	382,246	152,246	39.83	230,000	60.17	3.39	6.12
	TOTAL	8,710	4,950	3,760	56.83	2,219	919	41.42	1,300	58.58	383,716	153,716	40.06	230,000	59.94	3.11	6.12
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	619	619	--	100.00	32	32	100.00	--	--	359	359	100.00	--	--	.06	--
	State & Private	11,175	11,175	--	100.00	3,426	3,426	100.00	--	--	30,704	30,704	100.00	--	--	.27	--
	TOTAL	11,794	11,794	--	100.00	3,458	3,458	100.00	--	--	31,063	31,063	100.00	--	--	.26	--
TENNESSEE	Federal	946	946	--	100.00	116	116	100.00	--	--	2,329	2,329	100.00	--	--	.25	--
	State & Private	11,473	10,171	1,302	88.65	4,273	3,798	88.88	475	11.12	56,652	35,017	61.81	21,635	38.19	.34	1.66
	TOTAL	12,419	11,117	1,302	89.52	4,389	3,914	89.18	475	10.82	58,981	37,346	63.32	21,635	36.68	.34	1.66
TEXAS	Federal	812	812	--	100.00	36	36	100.00	--	--	168	168	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	14,884	9,325	5,559	62.65	2,847	1,847	64.88	1,000	35.12	170,621	70,621	41.39	100,000	58.61	.76	1.80
	TOTAL	15,696	10,137	5,559	64.58	2,883	1,883	65.31	1,000	34.69	170,789	70,789	41.45	100,000	58.55	.70	1.80
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	11,304	11,302	2	99.98	700	700	100.00	--	--	10,036	10,036	100.00	--	--	.09	--
	State & Private	174,267	153,246	21,021	87.94	58,409	46,741	80.02	11,668	19.98	2,217,547	920,006	41.46	1,297,541	58.54	.60	6.17
	TOTAL	185,571	164,548	21,023	88.67	59,109	47,441	80.26	11,668	19.74	2,227,583	930,042	41.75	1,297,541	58.25	.57	6.17

EASTERN GROUP																		
CONNECTICUT	Federal	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	1,989	1,989	—	100.00	452	452	100.00	—	—	1,871	1,871	100.00	—	—	.09	—
	TOTAL	1,989	1,989	—	100.00	452	452	100.00	—	—	1,871	1,871	100.00	—	—	.09	—
DELAWARE	Federal	1	1	—	100.00	1	1	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	453	453	—	100.00	82	82	100.00	—	—	318	318	100.00	—	—	.07	—
	TOTAL	454	454	—	100.00	83	83	100.00	—	—	318	318	100.00	—	—	.07	—
KENTUCKY	Federal	573	573	—	100.00	61	61	100.00	—	—	1,538	1,538	100.00	—	—	.27	—
	State & Private	10,774	7,779	2,995	72.20	4,147	3,163	76.27	984	23.73	182,110	107,907	59.25	74,203	40.75	1.39	2.48
	TOTAL	11,347	8,352	2,995	73.61	4,208	3,224	76.62	984	23.38	183,648	109,445	59.59	74,203	40.41	1.31	2.48
MAINE	Federal	69	69	—	100.00	1	1	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	16,973	16,973	—	100.00	485	485	100.00	—	—	6,571	6,571	100.00	—	—	.04	—
	TOTAL	17,042	17,042	—	100.00	486	486	100.00	—	—	6,571	6,571	100.00	—	—	.04	—
MARYLAND	Federal	12	12	—	100.00	2	2	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	2,850	2,850	—	100.00	511	511	100.00	—	—	1,931	1,931	100.00	—	—	.07	—
	TOTAL	2,862	2,862	—	100.00	513	513	100.00	—	—	1,931	1,931	100.00	—	—	.07	—
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	2	2	—	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	3,252	3,252	—	100.00	3,951	3,951	100.00	—	—	8,433	8,433	100.00	—	—	.26	—
	TOTAL	3,254	3,254	—	100.00	3,951	3,951	100.00	—	—	8,433	8,433	100.00	—	—	.26	—
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	678	678	—	100.00	2	2	100.00	—	—	5	5	100.00	—	—	neg.	—
	State & Private	4,182	4,182	—	100.00	495	495	100.00	—	—	457	457	100.00	—	—	.01	—
	TOTAL	4,860	4,860	—	100.00	497	497	100.00	—	—	462	462	100.00	—	—	.009	—
NEW JERSEY	Federal	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	2,095	2,095	—	100.00	1,280	1,280	100.00	—	—	13,374	13,374	100.00	—	—	.64	—
	TOTAL	2,095	2,095	—	100.00	1,280	1,280	100.00	—	—	13,374	13,374	100.00	—	—	.64	—
NEW YORK	Federal	18	18	—	100.00	1	1	100.00	—	—	1	1	100.00	—	—	.005	—
	State & Private	12,995	12,995	—	100.00	1,072	1,072	100.00	—	—	10,499	10,499	100.00	—	—	.08	—
	TOTAL	13,013	13,013	—	100.00	1,073	1,073	100.00	—	—	10,500	10,500	100.00	—	—	.08	—
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	471	471	—	100.00	8	8	100.00	—	—	21	21	100.00	—	—	.004	—
	State & Private	14,704	14,704	—	100.00	985	985	100.00	—	—	25,817	25,817	100.00	—	—	.18	—
	TOTAL	15,175	15,175	—	100.00	993	993	100.00	—	—	25,838	25,838	100.00	—	—	.17	—
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	State & Private	434	434	—	100.00	93	93	100.00	—	—	215	215	100.00	—	—	.05	—
	TOTAL	434	434	—	100.00	93	93	100.00	—	—	215	215	100.00	—	—	.05	—
VERMONT	Federal	232	232	—	100.00	2	2	100.00	—	—	1	1	100.00	—	—	neg.	—
	State & Private	3,517	3,517	—	100.00	177	177	100.00	—	—	555	555	100.00	—	—	.02	—
	TOTAL	3,749	3,749	—	100.00	179	179	100.00	—	—	556	556	100.00	—	—	.01	—
VIRGINIA	Federal	1,698	1,698	—	100.00	57	57	100.00	—	—	632	632	100.00	—	—	.04	—
	State & Private	14,033	14,033	—	100.00	2,409	2,409	100.00	—	—	15,420	15,420	100.00	—	—	.11	—
	TOTAL	15,731	15,731	—	100.00	2,466	2,466	100.00	—	—	16,052	16,052	100.00	—	—	.10	—
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	904	904	—	100.00	12	12	100.00	—	—	7	7	100.00	—	—	neg.	—
	State & Private	9,007	9,007	—	100.00	1,908	1,908	100.00	—	—	78,191	78,191	100.00	—	—	.87	—
	TOTAL	9,911	9,911	—	100.00	1,920	1,920	100.00	—	—	78,198	78,198	100.00	—	—	.79	—
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	4,658	4,658	—	100.00	147	147	100.00	—	—	2,205	2,205	100.00	—	—	.05	—
	State & Private	97,258	94,263	2,995	96.92	18,047	17,063	94.55	984	5.45	345,762	271,559	78.54	74,203	21.46	.29	2.48
	TOTAL	101,916	98,921	2,995	97.06	18,194	17,210	94.59	984	5.41	347,967	273,764	78.68	74,203	21.32	.28	2.48

NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSE AND SIZE - CALENDAR YEAR 1959

PROTECTED AREAS ONLY - BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES - BY CAUSE									NUMBER OF FIRES - BY SIZE			
		Lightning	Railroads	Campers	Smokers	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Lumbering	Miscellaneous	TOTAL	Under 1/4 Acre	1/4 - 10 Acres	Over 10 Acres	TOTAL
UNITED STATES	Federal	5,534	60	809	844	279	540	206	663	8,935	5,985	2,174	776	8,935
	State & Private	1,710	2,965	2,225	13,486	25,970	21,336	1,184	8,926	77,802	11,009	46,661	20,132	77,802
	TOTAL	7,244	3,025	3,034	14,330	26,249	21,876	1,390	9,589	86,737	16,994	48,835	20,908	86,737
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP														
ARIZONA	Federal	1,792	4	86	69	20	9	19	58	2,057	1,617	369	71	2,057
	State & Private	No data												
	TOTAL	1,792	4	86	69	20	9	19	58	2,057	1,617	369	71	2,057
COLORADO	Federal	259	4	51	41	6	--	1	17	379	260	104	15	379
	State & Private	58	9	33	35	76	7	2	39	259	117	113	29	259
	TOTAL	317	13	84	76	82	7	3	56	638	377	217	44	638
IDAHO	Federal	596	1	48	29	5	3	9	12	703	564	108	31	703
	State & Private	165	19	17	52	38	7	13	71	382	222	100	60	382
	TOTAL	761	20	65	81	43	10	22	83	1,085	786	208	91	1,085
MONTANA	Federal	211	1	30	29	10	--	6	18	305	210	75	20	305
	State & Private	63	37	29	40	26	1	9	56	261	148	86	27	261
	TOTAL	274	38	59	69	36	1	15	74	566	358	161	47	566
NEBRASKA	Federal	7	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	8	1	1	6	8
	State & Private	Data incomplete												
	TOTAL	7	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	8	1	1	6	8
NEVADA	Federal	43	--	5	5	--	2	--	2	57	32	16	9	57
	State & Private	24	7	7	16	29	2	1	41	127	78	29	20	127
	TOTAL	67	7	12	21	29	4	1	43	184	110	45	29	184
NEW MEXICO	Federal	681	1	138	22	4	1	3	35	885	735	130	20	885
	State & Private	47	--	3	12	2	--	3	9	76	55	16	5	76
	TOTAL	728	1	141	34	6	1	6	44	961	790	146	25	961
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	120	--	4	8	11	--	1	13	157	109	35	13	157
	State & Private	33	6	3	5	12	--	4	9	72	31	25	16	72
	TOTAL	153	6	7	13	23	--	5	22	229	140	60	29	229
UTAH	Federal	194	--	40	28	15	2	2	11	292	195	53	44	292
	State & Private	36	4	3	25	47	--	1	76	192	102	69	21	192
	TOTAL	230	4	43	53	62	2	3	87	484	297	122	65	484
WYOMING	Federal	76	--	28	20	7	5	1	18	155	105	34	16	155
	State & Private	Data incomplete												
	TOTAL	76	--	28	20	7	5	1	18	155	105	34	16	155
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	3,979	11	430	252	78	22	42	184	4,998	3,828	925	245	4,998
	State & Private	426	82	95	185	230	17	33	301	1,369	753	438	178	1,369
	TOTAL	4,405	93	525	437	308	39	75	485	6,367	4,581	1,363	423	6,367

PACIFIC GROUP														
ALASKA	Federal	168	—	34	8	11	5	—	14	240	31	75	134	240
	State & Private	No data												
	TOTAL	168	—	34	8	11	5	—	14	240	31	75	134	240
CALIFORNIA	Federal	889	24	91	210	67	64	52	160	1,557	1,074	343	140	1,557
	State & Private	222	98	76	607	300	260	140	770	2,473	1,263	853	357	2,473
	TOTAL	1,111	122	167	817	367	324	192	930	4,030	2,337	1,196	497	4,030
HAWAII	Federal	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1
	State & Private	--	--	3	20	5	--	--	47	75	16	47	12	75
	TOTAL	--	--	3	21	5	--	--	47	76	17	47	12	76
OREGON	Federal	340	15	133	80	19	8	62	46	703	539	110	54	703
	State & Private	104	23	57	188	130	17	58	139	716	418	195	103	716
	TOTAL	444	38	190	268	149	25	120	185	1,419	957	305	157	1,419
WASHINGTON	Federal	43	--	57	42	16	7	18	28	211	162	40	9	211
	State & Private	56	89	72	168	125	12	33	196	751	523	196	32	751
	TOTAL	99	89	129	210	141	19	51	224	962	685	236	41	962
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	1,440	39	315	341	113	84	132	248	2,712	1,807	568	337	2,712
	State & Private	382	210	208	983	560	289	231	1,152	4,015	2,220	1,291	504	4,015
	TOTAL	1,822	249	523	1,324	673	373	363	1,400	6,727	4,027	1,859	841	6,727
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP														
ILLINOIS	Federal	—	—	2	4	—	6	—	5	17	6	9	2	17
	State & Private	—	37	1	41	229	38	—	28	374	43	143	188	374
	TOTAL	—	37	3	45	229	44	—	33	391	49	152	190	391
INDIANA	Federal	—	--	—	—	1	—	—	4	5	1	3	1	5
	State & Private	—	22	--	37	186	5	2	123	375	55	182	138	375
	TOTAL	—	22	--	37	187	5	2	127	380	56	185	139	380
IOWA	Federal	—	—	—	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	--	--	2	6	--	--	1	9	--	2	7	9
	TOTAL	--	--	--	2	6	—	—	1	9	--	2	7	9
MICHIGAN	Federal	5	--	1	10	7	—	4	4	31	21	9	1	31
	State & Private	24	94	50	197	244	32	12	146	799	238	510	51	799
	TOTAL	29	94	51	207	251	32	16	150	830	259	519	52	830
MINNESOTA	Federal	5	--	14	13	5	31	1	14	83	38	32	13	83
	State & Private	9	39	38	197	377	111	11	285	1,067	177	419	471	1,067
	TOTAL	14	39	52	210	382	142	12	299	1,150	215	451	484	1,150
MISSOURI	Federal	1	—	7	32	2	79	1	40	162	57	82	23	162
	State & Private	10	135	50	214	1,675	1,188	12	130	3,414	370	1,882	1,162	3,414
	TOTAL	11	135	57	246	1,677	1,267	13	170	3,576	427	1,964	1,185	3,576
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	1	1	—	—	--	—	—	1	3	—	2	1	3
	State & Private	--	--	--	2	20	--	--	--	22	--	20	2	22
	TOTAL	1	1	--	2	20	—	—	1	25	--	22	3	25
OHIO	Federal	—	—	--	7	1	4	--	16	28	4	20	4	28
	State & Private	4	105	18	291	669	70	--	169	1,326	231	847	248	1,326
	TOTAL	4	105	18	298	670	74	--	185	1,354	235	867	252	1,354
WISCONSIN	Federal	—	2	4	9	7	7	1	19	49	18	25	6	49
	State & Private	19	263	26	217	372	85	8	238	1,228	458	629	141	1,228
	TOTAL	19	265	30	226	379	92	9	257	1,277	476	654	147	1,277
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	12	3	28	75	23	127	7	103	378	145	182	51	378
	State & Private	66	695	183	1,198	3,778	1,529	45	1,120	8,614	1,572	4,634	2,408	8,614
	TOTAL	78	698	211	1,273	3,801	1,656	52	1,223	8,992	1,717	4,816	2,459	8,992

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES - BY CAUSE									NUMBER OF FIRES - BY SIZE			
		Lightning	Railroads	Campers	Smokers	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Lumbering	Miscellaneous	TOTAL	Under 1/4 Acre	1/4 - 10 Acres	Over 10 Acres	TOTAL
SOUTHERN GROUP														
ALABAMA	Federal	7	--	6	15	7	11	1	4	51	9	33	9	51
	State & Private	49	119	135	1,195	2,010	2,036	97	458	6,099	112	3,783	2,204	6,099
	TOTAL	56	119	141	1,210	2,017	2,047	98	462	6,150	121	3,816	2,213	6,150
ARKANSAS	Federal	23	1	4	16	1	18	3	13	79	12	55	12	79
	State & Private	23	77	49	474	1,047	1,212	44	105	3,031	235	1,644	1,152	3,031
	TOTAL	46	78	53	490	1,048	1,230	47	118	3,110	247	1,699	1,164	3,110
FLORIDA	Federal	39	--	--	13	2	16	3	6	79	28	40	11	79
	State & Private	308	124	86	578	997	1,584	73	101	3,851	317	2,519	1,015	3,851
	TOTAL	347	124	86	591	999	1,600	76	107	3,930	345	2,559	1,026	3,930
GEORGIA	Federal	1	--	1	3	--	13	2	7	27	9	14	4	27
	State & Private	202	401	70	1,034	2,608	1,475	220	413	6,423	431	4,930	1,062	6,423
	TOTAL	203	401	71	1,037	2,608	1,488	222	420	6,450	440	4,944	1,066	6,450
LOUISIANA	Federal	1	--	5	12	2	23	3	9	55	9	35	11	55
	State & Private	14	105	389	603	613	4,067	65	251	6,107	486	4,043	1,578	6,107
	TOTAL	15	105	394	615	615	4,090	68	260	6,162	495	4,078	1,589	6,162
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	4	--	3	29	19	80	6	16	157	20	115	22	157
	State & Private	6	58	53	1,058	2,508	4,013	52	426	8,174	93	5,633	2,448	8,174
	TOTAL	10	58	56	1,087	2,527	4,093	58	442	8,331	113	5,748	2,470	8,331
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	3	2	2	11	8	8	--	9	43	9	27	7	43
	State & Private	43	78	210	628	1,200	400	59	473	3,091	214	1,968	909	3,091
	TOTAL	46	80	212	639	1,208	408	59	482	3,134	223	1,995	916	3,134
OKLAHOMA	Federal	3	1	2	1	3	12	--	3	25	5	10	10	25
	State & Private	2	1	16	107	94	593	17	64	894	25	301	568	894
	TOTAL	5	2	18	108	97	605	17	67	919	30	311	578	919
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	3	1	1	11	1	12	--	3	32	7	19	6	32
	State & Private	27	99	70	1,053	1,133	702	34	308	3,426	319	2,462	645	3,426
	TOTAL	30	100	71	1,064	1,134	714	34	311	3,458	326	2,481	651	3,458
TENNESSEE	Federal	2	--	2	13	3	77	2	17	116	31	67	18	116
	State & Private	2	119	241	430	1,884	863	46	213	3,798	61	3,056	681	3,798
	TOTAL	4	119	243	443	1,887	940	48	230	3,914	92	3,123	699	3,914
TEXAS	Federal	1	--	2	14	3	6	2	8	36	17	16	3	36
	State & Private	6	62	53	402	855	251	68	150	1,847	488	954	405	1,847
	TOTAL	7	62	55	416	858	257	70	158	1,883	505	970	408	1,883
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	87	5	28	138	49	276	22	95	700	156	431	113	700
	State & Private	682	1,243	1,372	7,562	14,949	17,196	775	2,962	46,741	2,781	31,293	12,667	46,741
	TOTAL	769	1,248	1,400	7,700	14,998	17,472	797	3,057	47,441	2,937	31,724	12,780	47,441

EASTERN GROUP														
CONNECTICUT	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2	10	13	92	179	44	--	112	452	62	319	71	452
	TOTAL	2	10	13	92	179	44	--	112	452	62	319	71	452
DELAWARE	Federal	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1
	State & Private	1	5	--	17	35	14	3	7	82	22	52	8	82
	TOTAL	1	5	--	17	36	14	3	7	83	23	52	8	83
KENTUCKY	Federal	2	--	4	11	8	26	--	10	61	9	29	23	61
	State & Private	1	20	89	486	1,824	449	25	269	3,163	37	1,180	1,946	3,163
	TOTAL	3	20	93	497	1,832	475	25	279	3,224	46	1,209	1,969	3,224
MAINE	Federal	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1
	State & Private	34	24	30	118	135	54	18	72	485	145	253	87	485
	TOTAL	34	24	31	118	135	54	18	72	486	146	253	87	486
MARYLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	2	2	--	--	2
	State & Private	5	45	9	178	139	60	7	68	511	137	338	36	511
	TOTAL	5	45	9	178	139	62	7	68	513	139	338	36	513
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	82	19	313	1,610	495	--	1,432	3,951	1,701	2,104	146	3,951
	TOTAL	--	82	19	313	1,610	495	--	1,432	3,951	1,701	2,104	146	3,951
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	2	1	1	--	2
	State & Private	20	28	12	132	154	40	7	102	495	379	98	18	495
	TOTAL	21	28	12	132	155	40	7	102	497	380	99	18	497
NEW JERSEY	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	4	40	10	765	225	181	--	55	1,280	330	816	134	1,280
	TOTAL	4	40	10	765	225	181	--	55	1,280	330	816	134	1,280
NEW YORK	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	1
	State & Private	23	45	39	316	340	49	1	259	1,072	195	686	191	1,072
	TOTAL	23	45	39	316	340	49	1	260	1,073	195	687	191	1,073
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	1	--	--	2	1	--	--	4	8	2	6	--	8
	State & Private	8	183	87	236	229	134	2	106	985	67	572	346	985
	TOTAL	9	183	87	238	230	134	2	110	993	69	578	346	993
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	2	2	11	17	24	--	37	93	21	67	5	93
	TOTAL	--	2	2	11	17	24	--	37	93	21	67	5	93
VERMONT	Federal	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	2	--	--	2
	State & Private	12	3	4	30	79	8	6	35	177	60	105	12	177
	TOTAL	13	3	4	30	79	8	7	35	179	62	105	12	179
VIRGINIA	Federal	9	1	--	21	4	3	2	17	57	23	27	7	57
	State & Private	36	127	35	654	988	163	10	396	2,409	464	1,634	311	2,409
	TOTAL	45	128	35	675	992	166	12	413	2,466	487	1,661	318	2,466
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	2	1	3	4	1	--	--	1	12	8	4	--	12
	State & Private	8	121	18	210	499	590	21	441	1,908	63	781	1,064	1,908
	TOTAL	10	122	21	214	500	590	21	442	1,920	71	785	1,064	1,920
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	16	2	8	38	16	31	3	33	147	49	68	30	147
	State & Private	154	735	367	3,558	6,453	2,305	100	3,391	17,063	3,683	9,005	4,375	17,063
	TOTAL	170	737	375	3,596	6,469	2,336	103	3,424	17,210	3,732	9,073	4,405	17,210

AREA BURNED BY FOREST FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES, BY TYPE CLASSES - CALENDAR YEAR 1959

PROTECTED AREAS ONLY - BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	PROTECTED AREA BURNED			
		Forest Land	Non-Forest Land	TOTAL	Average Area Per Fire
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
UNITED STATES	Federal	565,589	331,356	896,945	100.39
	State & Private	1,304,548	376,658	1,681,206	21.61
	TOTAL	1,870,137	708,014	2,578,151	29.72
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP					
ARIZONA	Federal	4,776	34,411	39,187	19.05
	State & Private	No data			
	TOTAL	4,776	34,411	39,187	19.05
COLORADO	Federal	1,892	1,423	3,315	8.75
	State & Private	859	2,000 2/	2,859	11.04
	TOTAL	2,751	3,423	6,174	9.68
IDAHO	Federal	5,962	14,394	20,356	28.96
	State & Private	7,609	29,933 2/	37,542	98.28
	TOTAL	13,571	44,327	57,898	53.36
MONTANA	Federal	2,326	1,470	3,796	12.45
	State & Private	5,390	5,777 2/	11,167	42.79
	TOTAL	7,716	7,247	14,963	26.44
NEBRASKA	Federal	40	162	202	25.25
	State & Private	Data incomplete			
	TOTAL	40	162	202	25.25
NEVADA	Federal	422	3,881	4,303	75.49
	State & Private	280	3,521 2/	3,801	29.93
	TOTAL	702	7,402	8,104	44.04
NEW MEXICO	Federal	2,428	3,233	5,661	6.40
	State & Private	80	342	422	5.55
	TOTAL	2,508	3,575	6,083	6.33
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	1,190	2,954	4,144	26.39
	State & Private	131	3,317	3,448	47.89
	TOTAL	1,321	6,271	7,592	33.15
UTAH	Federal	2,947	5,286	8,233	28.20
	State & Private	624	3,662 2/	4,286	22.32
	TOTAL	3,571	8,948	12,519	25.87
WYOMING	Federal	272	3,007	3,279	21.15
	State & Private	Data incomplete			
	TOTAL	272	3,007	3,279	21.15
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	22,255	70,221	92,476	18.50
	State & Private	14,973	48,552	63,525	46.40
	TOTAL	37,228	118,773	156,001	24.50

2/ Includes "Non-Forest Critical Watershed Area" statistics as follows:

State	Area Burned (Acres)
Colorado	1,975
Idaho	14,517
Montana	223
Nevada	3,495
Utah	3,662
California	64,276

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	PROTECTED AREA BURNED			
		Forest Land	Non-Forest Land	TOTAL	Average Area Per Fire
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
PACIFIC GROUP					
ALASKA	Federal	424,597	164,666	589,263	2,455.26
	State & Private	No data			
	TOTAL	424,597	164,666	589,263	2,455.26
CALIFORNIA	Federal	77,598	74,176	151,774	97.48
	State & Private	62,566	64,907 2/	127,473	51.55
	TOTAL	140,164	139,083	279,247	69.29
HAWAII	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	532	2,258	2,790	37.20
	TOTAL	532	2,258	2,790	37.20
OREGON	Federal	27,529	12,873	40,402	57.47
	State & Private	28,952	5,027	33,979	47.46
	TOTAL	56,481	17,900	74,381	52.42
WASHINGTON	Federal	441	623	1,064	5.04
	State & Private	4,649	896	5,545	7.38
	TOTAL	5,090	1,519	6,609	6.87
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	530,165	252,338	782,503	288.53
	State & Private	96,699	73,088	169,787	42.29
	TOTAL	626,864	325,426	952,290	141.56
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP					
ILLINOIS	Federal	167	6	173	10.18
	State & Private	6,804	5,744	12,548	33.55
	TOTAL	6,971	5,750	12,721	32.53
INDIANA	Federal	33	--	33	6.60
	State & Private	2,239	4,518	6,757	18.02
	TOTAL	2,272	4,518	6,790	17.87
IOWA	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	70	213	283	31.44
	TOTAL	70	213	283	31.44
MICHIGAN	Federal	38	--	38	1.23
	State & Private	3,326	619	3,945	4.94
	TOTAL	3,364	619	3,983	4.80
MINNESOTA	Federal	252	7,010	7,262	87.49
	State & Private	20,365	71,592	91,957	86.18
	TOTAL	20,617	78,602	99,219	86.28
MISSOURI	Federal	1,518	45	1,563	9.65
	State & Private	85,938	13,929	99,867	29.25
	TOTAL	87,456	13,974	101,430	28.36
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	--	53	53	17.67
	State & Private	88	36	124	5.64
	TOTAL	88	89	177	7.08
OHIO	Federal	208	--	208	7.43
	State & Private	4,418	6,416	10,834	8.17
	TOTAL	4,626	6,416	11,042	8.16
WISCONSIN	Federal	340	55	395	8.06
	State & Private	19,741	10,273	30,014	24.44
	TOTAL	20,081	10,328	30,409	23.81
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	2,556	7,169	9,725	25.73
	State & Private	142,989	113,340	256,329	29.76
	TOTAL	145,545	120,509	266,054	29.59

SOUTHERN GROUP					
ALABAMA	Federal	387	4	391	7.67
	State & Private	110,338	6,893	117,231	19.22
	TOTAL	110,725	6,897	117,622	19.13
ARKANSAS	Federal	628	73	701	8.87
	State & Private	68,728	—	68,728	22.68
	TOTAL	69,356	73	69,429	22.32
FLORIDA	Federal	1,565	522	2,087	26.42
	State & Private	45,768	571	46,339	12.03
	TOTAL	47,333	1,093	48,426	12.32
GEORGIA	Federal	168	8	176	6.52
	State & Private	50,944	11,222	62,166	9.68
	TOTAL	51,112	11,230	62,342	9.67
LOUISIANA	Federal	972	26	998	18.15
	State & Private	113,901	—	113,901	18.65
	TOTAL	114,873	26	114,899	18.65
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	1,025	19	1,044	6.65
	State & Private	108,451	29,062	137,513	16.82
	TOTAL	109,476	29,081	138,557	16.63
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	292	21	313	7.28
	State & Private	79,157	6,383	85,540	27.67
	TOTAL	79,449	6,404	85,853	27.39
OKLAHOMA	Federal	1,167	303	1,470	58.80
	State & Private	152,246	—	152,246	170.30
	TOTAL	153,413	303	153,716	167.26
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	339	20	359	11.22
	State & Private	29,105	1,599	30,704	8.96
	TOTAL	29,444	1,619	31,063	8.98
TENNESSEE	Federal	2,308	21	2,329	20.08
	State & Private	31,986	3,031	35,017	9.22
	TOTAL	34,294	3,052	37,346	9.54
TEXAS	Federal	139	29	168	4.67
	State & Private	40,956	29,665	70,621	38.24
	TOTAL	41,095	29,694	70,789	37.59
GROUP TOTAL 1959	Federal	8,990	1,046	10,036	14.34
	State & Private	831,580	88,426	920,006	19.68
	TOTAL	840,570	89,472	930,042	19.60

EASTERN GROUP					
CONNECTICUT	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	1,449	422	1,871	4.14
	TOTAL	1,449	422	1,871	4.14
DELAWARE	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	318	--	318	3.88
	TOTAL	318	--	318	3.88
KENTUCKY	Federal	1,117	421	1,538	25.21
	State & Private	85,316	22,591	107,907	34.12
	TOTAL	86,433	23,012	109,445	33.95
MAINE	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	4,767	1,804	6,571	13.55
	TOTAL	4,767	1,804	6,571	13.55
MARYLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	1,805	126	1,931	3.78
	TOTAL	1,805	126	1,931	3.78
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2,993	5,440	8,433	2.13
	TOTAL	2,993	5,440	8,433	2.13
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	5	—	5	2.50
	State & Private	457	--	457	.92
	TOTAL	462	--	462	.93
NEW JERSEY	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	12,348	1,026	13,374	10.45
	TOTAL	12,348	1,026	13,374	10.45
NEW YORK	Federal	1	—	1	1.00
	State & Private	5,631	4,868	10,499	9.79
	TOTAL	5,632	4,868	10,500	9.79
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	13	8	21	2.63
	State & Private	24,121	1,696	25,817	26.21
	TOTAL	24,134	1,704	25,838	26.02
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	175	40	215	2.31
	TOTAL	175	40	215	2.31
VERMONT	Federal	1	--	1	.50
	State & Private	443	112	555	3.14
	TOTAL	444	112	556	3.11
VIRGINIA	Federal	480	152	632	11.09
	State & Private	13,608	1,812	15,420	6.40
	TOTAL	14,088	1,964	16,052	6.51
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	6	1	7	.58
	State & Private	64,876	13,315	78,191	40.98
	TOTAL	64,882	13,316	78,198	40.73
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	1,623	582	2,205	15.00
	State & Private	218,307	53,252	271,559	15.92
	TOTAL	219,930	53,834	273,764	15.91

SUMMARY OF 1959 FIRE WEATHER

Region 1 - Idaho and Montana

There were some very wet and some very dry periods during the year. July was one of the driest since weather records were started.

Region 2 - Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming

Severe spring and summer burning conditions.

Region 3 - New Mexico

Fire season about average.

Region 4 - Nevada and Utah

Fire season one of the longest in recent years. Some areas were declared drought areas.

Region 5 - California and Hawaii

Statewide California's fire season was crucially dry, with abnormal winds of record breaking duration. Southern California had the driest year on record. Fire weather in Hawaii was more severe than usual.

Region 6 - Oregon and Washington

Fire season less severe than normal except in eastern and southwestern Oregon where burning conditions were among the most severe on record.

Region 7 - Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia

Severe forest fire weather during the spring. Fall season in most states generally easy. Dry during August and September in the southern part of Region.

Region 8 - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas

Fire season about normal. Eastern Appalachian States had severe spring season, with light fall season. States west of the Mississippi River had light spring season and severe fall season.

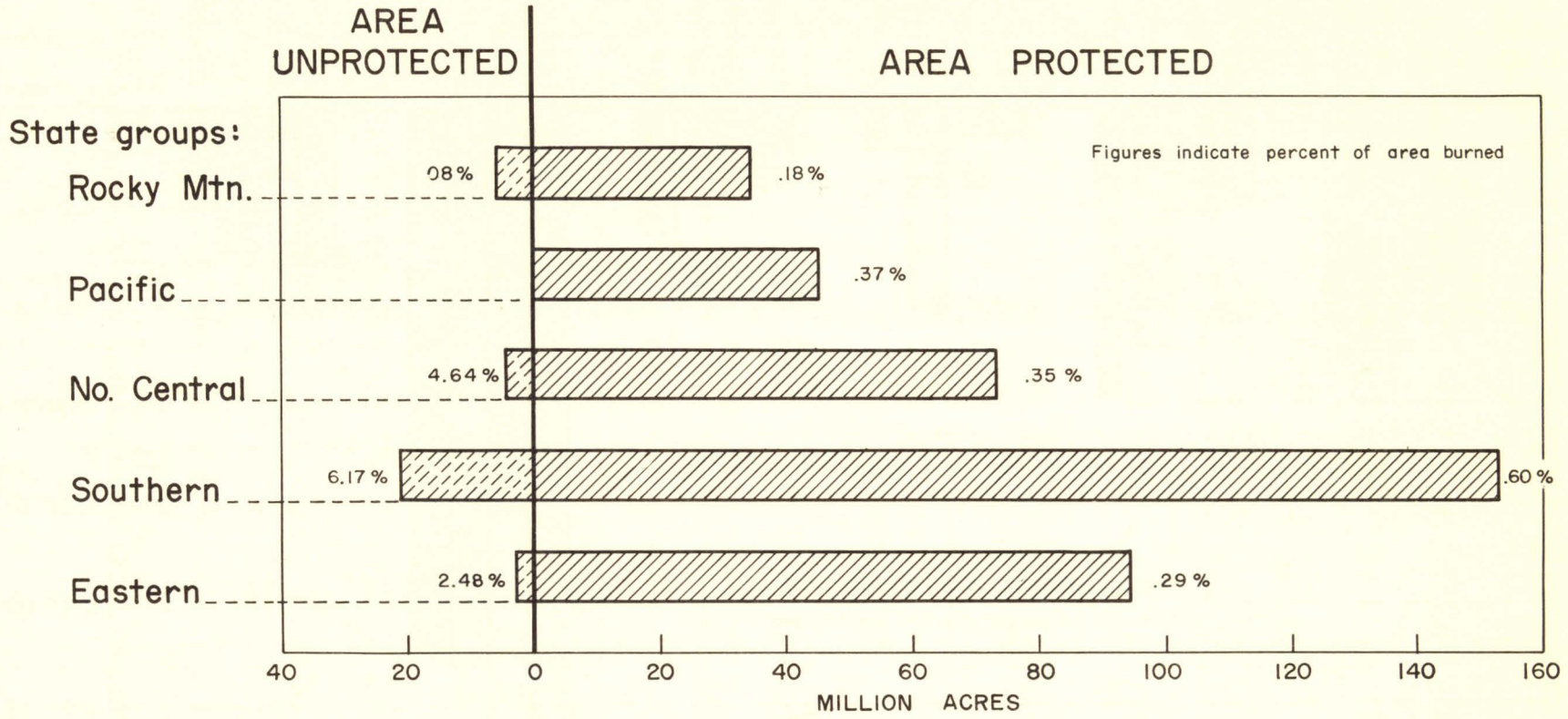
Region 9 - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

Spring season severe. Summer and fall seasons normal.

Region 10 - Alaska

Severity above normal in northwest and below normal in southeast.

STATUS OF STATE AND PRIVATE FOREST LAND PROTECTION C.Y. 1959



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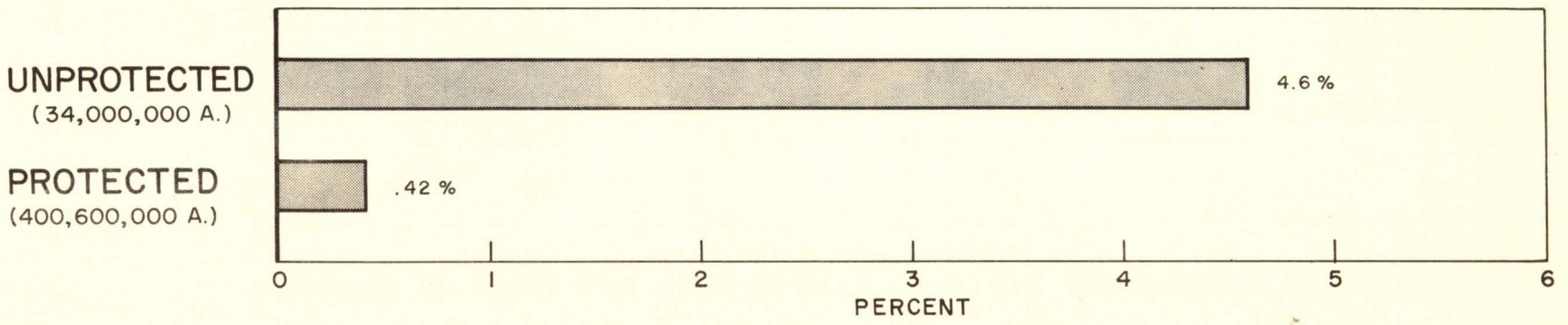

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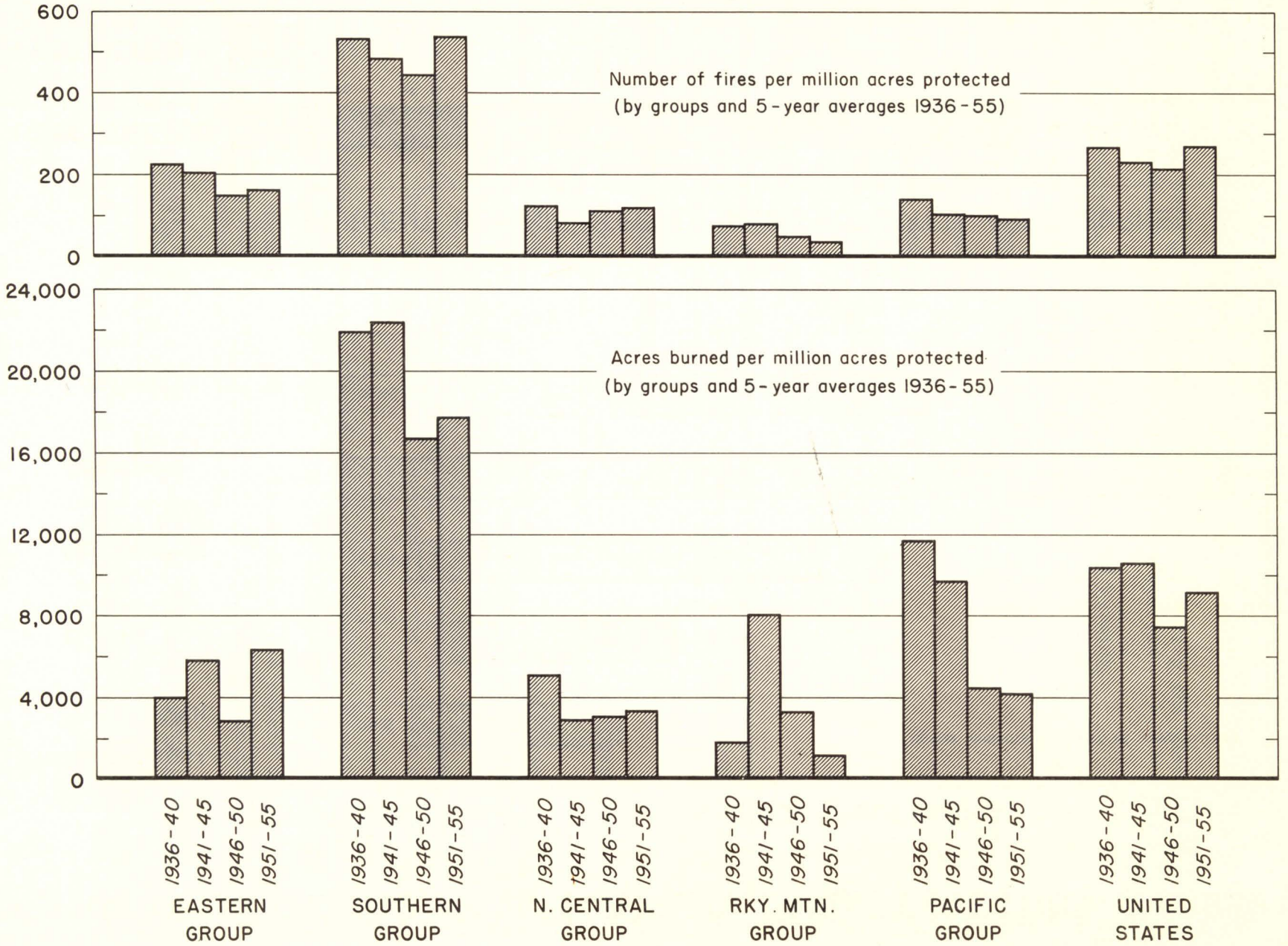

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